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1. Vietnam

There is no significant information on major Communist military or diplomatic initiatives.

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The lull in major Viet Cong military actions continues, and current major fighting in South Vietnam results from government initiatives. Low-scale Viet Cong terrorism and harassment continue, however.

The Chinese, as well as the North Koreans, are now showing more sensitivity to offshore US air activity.

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3. Congo

Five moderate ex-French West African states (Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger, Togo, and Senegal) are launched on an effort to build African support for the Leopoldville government. They hope first to get the Congo admitted to the embryonic 14-nation African and Malagasy Common Organization and then to make available both administrative and military personnel.

They will meet resistance from some more radical members. Paris, however, perhaps sensitive to moderate African concern over Arab and Communist activities, is beginning to display a benevolent attitude--even toward the provision of military aid.

4. Kenya

It now appears that Oginga Odinga was detained briefly on 14 April. However, President Kenyatta, having reduced any immediate threat of a leftist plot, is now superintending a public attempt to paper over his differences with old friend Odinga.

Political tension continues nonetheless, and anti-Odinga parliamentary backbenchers are expected to renew their agitation next week to reduce further the influence of Odinga and his group.

5. South Korea

Student and opposition leaders protesting the agreement with Japan plan a mass rally tonight (Washington time)

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